



## **State Water Resources Control Board**

April 20, 2016

(Via email and Certified Mail)
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS

LOCATED AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

WATERWORKS NORTH, 260 EAST AVENUE K-8, LANCASTER

Dear Mr. Tijerina:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on April 12, 2016, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Maintain Tank Information – The diesel tank information in CERS is incorrect; update or confirm the installation date.	T2	April 12, 2016	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)
2	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensors in both sumps were unable to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because they were not in the vertical position. Corrected at time of inspection and decided to install sensor sleeves.	All	April 12, 2016	April 12, 2016	23 CCR 2630(d)
3	Failure to Maintain Spill Containment Requirements – Spill containment devices for all tanks failed the monitoring certifications on September 18, 2014 and September 18, 2015. On November 18, 2015, they were repaired and passed.	All	September 18, 2014	November 18, 2015	H&SC 25284.2; 23 CCR 2635(b)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

## **State Water Board**

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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Amantha Henkel

Senior Environmental Scientist

UST Enforcement Unit
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